

United States Court of Federal Claims Fee Schedule\*

Following are fees to be charged for services to be performed by the clerk of the United States Court of Federal Claims. No fees are to be charged for services rendered on behalf of the United States, with the exception of those specifically prescribed in items 2, 8, and 9. No fees under this schedule shall be charged to federal agencies or programs which are funded from judiciary appropriations, including, but not limited to, agencies, organizations, and individuals providing services authorized by the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, and Bankruptcy Administrator programs.

- (1) For filing a civil action or proceeding, \$150.
- (2) For reproducing any record or paper, \$.50 per page. This fee shall apply to paper copies made from either: (a) original documents; or (b) microfiche or microfilm reproductions of the original records. This fee shall apply to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the record or paper requested is available through electronic access.
- (3) For certification of any document or paper, whether the certification is made directly on the document or by separate instrument, \$7. For exemplification of any document or paper, twice the amount of the charge for certification.
- (4) For admission of attorneys to practice, \$20 each, including a certificate of admission. For a duplicate certificate of admission or certificate of good standing, \$5.
- (5) For receipt of a monthly listing of court orders and opinions, \$15 per year.
- (6) The court may charge and collect fees, commensurate with the cost of printing, for copies of the local rules of court. The court may also distribute copies of the local rules without charge.
- (7) For a check paid into the court which is returned for lack of funds, \$35.
- (8) For usage of electronic access to court data, \$.60 per minute of usage via dial up service, and \$.07 per page for public users obtaining information through a federal judiciary Internet site [provided the court may, for good cause, exempt persons or classes of persons from the fees, in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to such information]. All such fees collected shall be

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deposited to the Judiciary Information Technology Fund. These fees shall apply to the United States. (The Judicial Conference has approved an advisory note clarifying the judiciary's policy with respect to exemptions from the fees for usage of electronic access to court data. The advisory note is attached to this fee schedule as Appendix I. The Conference has also approved an advisory note defining information that may be provided to the public at no cost. This advisory note is attached at Appendix II.)

- (9) For every search of the records of the Court of Federal Claims conducted by the clerk of the court or a deputy clerk, \$20 per name or item searched. This fee shall apply to services rendered on behalf of the United States if the information requested is available through electronic access.

#### APPENDIX I

The Judicial Conference has prescribed fees for electronic access to court data, as set forth above in the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule. The schedule provides that the court may exempt persons or classes of persons from the fees, in order to avoid unreasonable burdens and to promote public access to such information. Exemptions should be granted as the exception, not the rule. The exemption language is intended to accommodate those users who might otherwise not have access to the information in this electronic form. It is not intended to provide a means by which a court would exempt all users.

Examples of persons and classes of persons who may be exempted from electronic public access fees include, but are not limited to: indigents; bankruptcy case trustees; not-for-profit organizations; and voluntary ADR neutrals.

#### APPENDIX II

a. The Judicial Conference has prescribed a fee for access to court data obtained electronically from the public records of individual cases in the court, including filed documents and the docket sheet, except as provided below.

b. Courts may provide other local court information at no cost. Examples of information which can be provided at no cost include: local rules, court forms, news items, court calendars, opinions designated by the court for publication, and other information - such as court hours, court location, telephone listings - determined locally to benefit the public and the court.